

LUTZ CIVIC REVIEW

Monthly Newsletter of the Lutz Civic Association (LCA).

Guv'na Candidates Raise Record Monies



Michelle Northrup is "crowned" Lutz Guv'na 2007-2008 on the Fourth of July. Michelle raised the largest amount of funds in the history of the Guv'na Race.

Thanks to three wonderful candidates, the Lutz Guv'na fundraiser brought in a total of \$27,633.90 during the 2007 campaign. This is the largest amount ever raised during a campaign.

Nancy Rehling from Nancy's Good and Fast Food on Hwy 41 raised a total of \$2,482.76; **Annie Fernandez** from the Lutz Land O'Lakes Women's Club raised a total of \$8,239.11; and **Michele Northrup** from the Learning Gate School raised a total of \$16,912.04.

There were two additional firsts in the 2007 campaign. Annie raised the most ever funds for a candidate sponsored by the Lutz Land O'Lakes Women's Club and Michele raised the largest amount ever for an individual Guv'na candidate!

All funds raised by the Guv'na candidates will go to non-profit groups in the Lutz

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community. Many of the organizations have applied for **Guv'na Grants** and these will be awarded during the **August 16th Lutz Civic Association** general meeting. ▼

The Role of the Library Today

The Friends of the Lutz Library will host Joe Stines, director of Hillsborough County Libraries, at the August general meeting. He will present *The Role of the Public Library Today*, which will address such issues as books versus computers, community pride and activities, serving today's youth and why it is so hard to say "no." Mr. Stines will answer any questions you may have about upcoming changes in the Hillsborough County Library System.

The general meeting will be **Monday, August 20, 2007** beginning at **7 pm**. Location of the meeting is the **Lutz Branch Library, 101 Lutz-Lake Fern Rd., W**. The general public is invited and light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Hot Community News

Auralee Buckingham, Fourth of July Chairperson and Phyllis Hoedt Co-chairperson

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING. The Lutz Civic Association will host a visit by Supervisor of Elections Buddy Johnson at our regular October meeting. The **Thursday, October 18th** meeting will be held at the **Lutz Community Center**. Feel free to invite other people and even groups to this meeting. The Supervisor is eager to update the community on changes afoot with voting machines and plans for the January primary and referendum election. A discussion on voting technology in Florida always promises to be interesting. The meeting will start at **7 p.m.** at the **Lutz Community Center**, 98 First Ave N.W.

The Turnpike Enterprise has also asked to share with the community an update on the plans for Suncoast Expressway ramps at Lutz Lake Fern Road. Schedules permitting we may have them present at the October meeting or other future meeting.

ANNUAL SPOUSE ABUSE SHELTER SHOWER to be **Thursday, August 16th** from **9:30 a.m.** to **1 p.m.** at **Lutz Community Center**.

"Summer time and the livin' ain't easy"--shelters get down to the bare bones in summer months. They need everything. This shower is a community effort sponsored by the Lutz/Land O'Lakes Woman's Club as a service project.

Everyone is invited to come and have a fun morning, meet new friends, delight in a delicious lunch for just \$5, and spend time shopping in the mini-mart. Your donations benefit the Salvation Army Shelter in West Pasco, Sunrise Shelter in Dade City and the Spring of Hillsborough County.

Mini-Mart: Bring in good clean clothes

such as dresses, shirts, sportswear and shoes and they will have our famous Swap Shop.

After we shop, shelter representatives will divide the rest. (No household items of white elephants, please). Money from the "Mart" goes to buy more stuff for the Shelters.

Suggested Items to bring: Laundry detergents, large and extra large diapers, paper goods (toilet and towels), bath soaps, shampoos, conditioners, toiletry items, toothpaste and brushes, combs and hairbrushes, feminine hygiene items, canned meat and veggies, cereals, pasta, rice, instant potatoes, dried milk, and peanut butter. Money donations are always helpful.

Children's clothing, infant sizes to 12 years--new underwear and socks are needed. Older boys' clothing, large size boys' or men's clothing, especially jeans will go to Boys Anchor House.

Lunch? You Bet! A delicious lunch (donation \$5) will be served at noon.

SOUTHERN LIVING MAGAZINE VISITS LEARNING GATE SCHOOL. Recently a reporter from *Southern Living* came to Learning Gate School to do an article on the school's organic garden. The reporter was surprised to learn that students from the school had prepared the land, planted the seeds and maintained the garden themselves. A photographer is coming in September to take pictures and *Southern Living* plans to run the article in January 2008. ▼

LCA Mission Statement

The Mission of the Lutz Civic Association, Inc. (LCA) is to provide leadership and support which enhances the quality of life in the community of Lutz.

LCA Vision Statement

The objectives and purposes of the LCA shall be to preserve and promote the heritage, natural systems and quality of life in Lutz; and, to promote community cohesiveness while respecting the independence and individuality of all residents and businesses.

LCA Membership Benefits

1. A monthly newsletter detailing community related news and events
2. Meetings with informative guest speakers
3. Continuation of the Lutz Civic Association-sponsored events such as the Lutz Guy'na Race fundraiser, Market in the Park, events at the Train Depot and much more



Lutz Civic Association (LCA) Membership Application

Membership is open to anyone living in or owning a business in the Lutz Civic Association (LCA) defined boundaries of Lutz as a voting member. All Others are invited as an “Associate” member. Membership is subject to approve and includes this monthly newsletter.

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ HM. PH. _____ BUS. PH. _____

FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____ SIGNATURE _____

Type of Membership (check one):

Single - \$15 Family - \$20* Business - \$20 Civic - \$10** Associate - \$15***

*Family membership entitled two members in the same home, but only one vote.

** Civic membership is a non-profit organization membership that entitles the organization to one vote.

***Associate membership is a non-voting membership for those not living or owning a business within the Lutz boundaries.

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2007 LCA Business & Non-Profit Members

Bay Cities Bank
 Body & Soul
 Boy Scout Troop 12
 Britten Dental Associates, P.A.
 C&S Enterprises
 Thomas Cone, Jr.
 Cordoba Ranch Development, LLC
 Donovan's Service
 Great Gardens & Gifts
 Fisher's Law Office, P.A.
 Florida Organ Works
 Hand in Hand Academy
 King of Copy
 Lake Brant Tax District
 Lutz Learning Center
 Lutz - Land 'O Lakes Woman's Club
 Maniscalco Elementary School
 McClain Realty
 Mrs. Tea Garden
 New Tampa Animal Hospital, P.A.
 New Tampa Pet Resort
 Orange Blossom Women's Club
 Patio Land
 Seal Swim School
 Sunset Point Center, LLC
 Tims Memorial Presbyterian Church
 Versatech Business Solutions

Tentative 2007 LCA General Meetings

August 16 - Guv'na Fund Distribution
September 20 - Transportation/Land-Use
October 18- 2006 Candidate introductions and statements
November 16 - TBD, year end social



Other Scheduled Events

November 10 - Market in the Park
December 11 - Christmas in the Park

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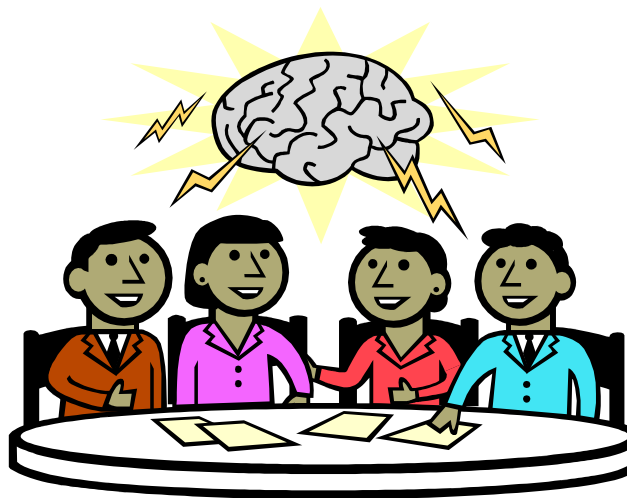
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LCA Annual Elections News and YOU!



The LCA Board of Directors held their annual election of officers at the regular monthly board meeting in June. Steve Polzin agreed to and was elected for a third term as president, Ardyth Bahr and Marion Smith accepted subsequent terms as treasurer and secretary respectively. Our vice president office is currently vacant.

Eleanor Cecil, a long time board member and vice president the past few years will be turning her considerable talents to other community causes and a well deserved break this year. Eleanor has also stepped down as a board member.

Many Thanks to Eleanor for the phenomenal job the past several years in keeping things on track and especially for her leadership and energies making the Guv'na race so successful the past few years. Be sure to thank Eleanor for her contributions when you see her at the August meeting.

You're invited to join us

If you are interested in serving in some capacity to help the LCA, please let us know. We do need new energy, ideas and perspectives. We are more convinced than ever that the Association plays a very important role in support of the quality of life in the community, but we need more help to keep things going. ▼

Musings on Land Use and Development

If you know someone that has wanted to move to Lutz, now might be a good time to look. Over the past few years it was not uncommon for realtors to bemoan the lack of available homes for folks interested in moving to Lutz.

With the housing slowdown there are now some homes available in Lutz though we certainly don't have the neighborhoods full of for sale homes that some new outlying developments face. Now might be a good time to see what is out there if you have been thinking about a move.

While residential development has slowed, the pace of commercial development remains strong. We continue to be approached by developers seeking approval for various new developments in and near Lutz. So far these markets remain very vibrant. While commercial development will ultimately catch up to population growth if it remains slow, for the time being we are continuing to see new developments that are in the pipeline. ▼

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